



View of the Principal and the Job

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A miracle worker who can do more with less, pacify rival groups, endure chronic second-guessing, tolerate low levels of support, process large volumes of paper, and work double shifts (75 nights a year out).

He or she will have carte blanche to innovate, but cannot spend much money, replace any personnel, or upset any constituency."

-- Evans, R. (April 12, 1995). "Getting Real About Leadership." *Education Week*. 14, 29:36



A Look at the Principal

- A 10-year study by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)

www.naesp.org/prinpro.htm

- Principal Online, NAESP's Web site, strives to serve the professional interests of elementary and middle school principals.

www.naesp.org



A Look at the Principal

- NAESP Report (continued):
 - Duties and Responsibilities
 - Roles
 - Changes in Job in Recent Years
 - Perception of Needs



A Look at the Job

- Desk work
- Scheduled and unscheduled meetings
- Phone calls
- Touring the facility
- Trips
- Announcing
- After school activities
- Simultaneous and interrupted tasks
- Other activities



Some Principals on the Job

Let's look at some principals
on the job in today's schools.

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» The Freshman Principal

There is a growing national movement to combat the potential "principal shortage" through the use of experienced mentors.

» Students Find Their Voices Through Multimedia

An education technology program helps Latino students deliver powerful messages through video and the Web.

» » Other recent stories ...

Highlights from the Archive

A National Movement to Close the Digital Divide

Community Technology Centers lead the way in providing young people in underserved communities with technology access and the skills to create multimedia content. (July '02)

» The Key Learning Community: Cultivating "Multiple Intelligences"

Swimming against the tide, this K-11 Indianapolis school emphasizes exploration and deep understanding over rote memorization. (April '02)

» Handheld Computers Go to Class

A suburban Chicago school district is outfitting teachers and students with personal digital assistants. (March '02)

» Assessment for Understanding

Performance assessments offer a rich, holistic approach to evaluating what students know and can do. (January '02)

FEATURED VIDEO

A veteran principal brings 35 years' experience to his role as mentor of a first-year principal. (6:59) [Play video](#)

See more online documentaries in the video gallery.

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FEATURED INTERVIEW



Marco Torres, Teacher, San Fernando High School and Apple Distinguished Educator.

"As Latinos, our history traditionally has been told through dance, song, literature, through stories our ancestors told us. ... Now we have multimedia to help us preserve that."

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About GLEF

GLEF is a nonprofit organization that gathers and disseminates the most innovative models of K-12 teaching and learning in the digital age.



» A video introduction to GLEF. (5:41)

Hear George Lucas' May 15 [interview](#) about GLEF on NPR's Morning Edition.

From the GLEF Store



Edutopia: Success Stories for Learning in the Digital Age (book & CD) presents GLEF's vision through 40 articles and 11 film segments.



Purpose

- Explore
 - Settings
 - Tasks
 - Approaches
- Observe
 - Differences
 - Commonalities

Visit 1: Tony Bencivenga



- Tony Bencivenga, Principal
- Ridgewood Public Schools
- Benjamin Franklin Middle School
- Ridgewood, NJ

Visit 2: Patricia Bolaños



- Patricia Bolaños, Principal
- Indianapolis Public Schools
- The Key Learning Community
- Indianapolis, IN

Visit 3: Peggy Bryan



- Peggy Bryan, Principal
- Campbell Unified School District
- Sherman Oaks Community Charter School
- San Jose, CA

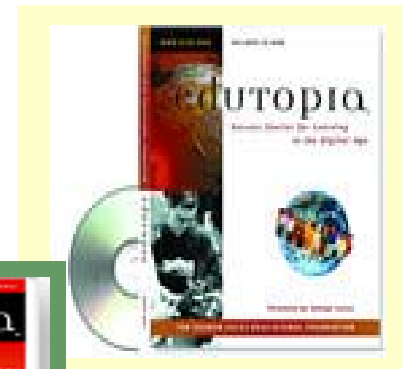


Outcomes: What You Learned

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Data?	Data?
Observations?	Observations?
Explorations?	Explorations?

GLEF Materials

- www.glef.org/products.html
- *Edutopia* Newsletter
- *Edutopia: Success Stories for Learning in the Digital Age* (Jossey-Bass)
- *Teaching in the Digital Age* (TDA) Video Series





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